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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/W

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW PDC WILSON'S CONTACTS WITH KAREFA-SMART

REF: FREETOWN 292

1. ALTHOUGH WILSON HAS LIVED IN ROXBURY FOR SIX YEARS,
HE HAS NEVER MET KAREFA-SMART. HOWEVER, WILSON UNDERSTANDS
THAT KAREFA-SMART IS AWARE OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO FREETOWN
AND HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MEET WILSON.

2. WILSON ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT SIAKA STEVENS REGARDS
KAREFA-SMART AS AN ENEMY, AND THAT STEVENS COULD EASILY
MISINTERPRET NEWS THAT WILSON HAD MET HIM BEFORE LEAVING
THE US.

3. WILSON, WHO LEAVES WASHINGTON FOR ROXBURY ON FEBRUARY
3, THINKS HE WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN AVOIDING A MEETING
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WITH KAREFA-SMART IN THE SIX-WEEK PERIOD HE PLANS TO
SPEND IN MASSACHUSETTS WINDING UP HIS AFFAIRS.

4. WE HAVE ADVISED WILSON THAT IF HE IS UNSUCCESSFUL
IN AVOIDING A MEETING WITH KAREFA-SMART, HE SHOULD NOT
GIVE KAREFA-SMART ANY OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICIZE THE ENCOUNTER
WILSON AGREES.

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